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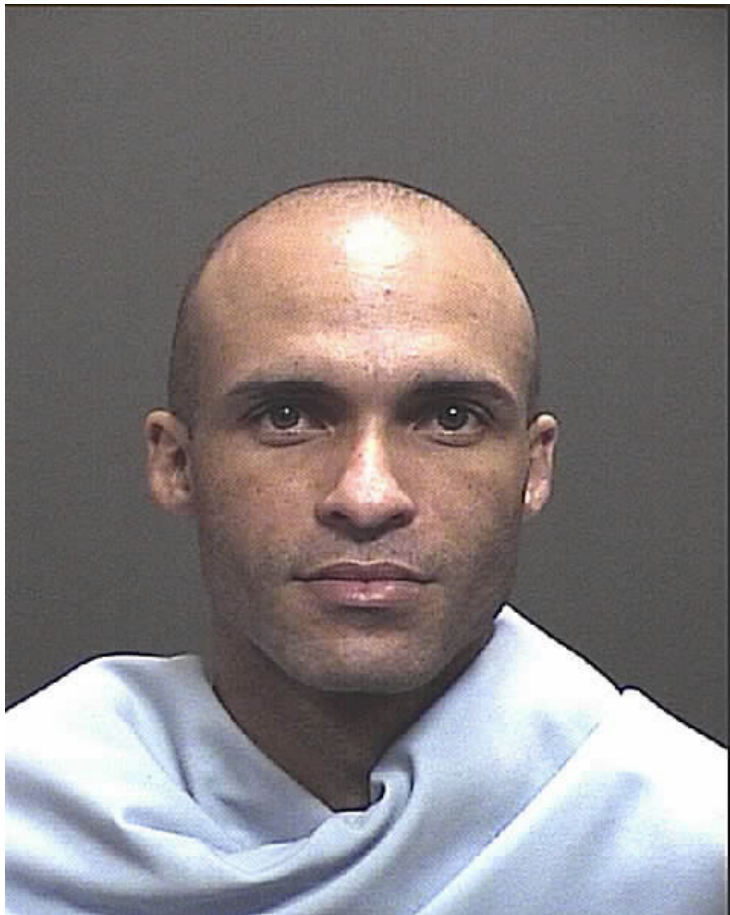
CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT ARREST 801 EAST GRANT ROAD

At approximately 12:38 PM on October 23, 2011, the Tucson Police Department was notified of an incident involving a male that was suspected of sexually assaulting a **9-year old female child**. The incident occurred inside of the McDonald's Restaurant located at 801 East Grant Road. Citizens at the restaurant attempted to detain the male, but were unsuccessful. Several of them also attempted to assist officers with locating the male after he fled on foot from the restaurant. He was located a short while later and officers from Operations Division West took him into custody. At the time, the male was transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries that he sustained while fleeing from the scene.

Detectives from the Child Sexual Assault Unit responded to further the investigation. They collected evidence at the scene and interviewed various witnesses. The detectives learned that the male, later identified as **34-year old Ivan Justin Hairston Smythe**, sexually assaulted her while inside of the restaurant. The child ran to her mother, who was also in the restaurant, and notified her of what occurred. At that point, other citizens in the restaurant took notice of what was occurring and began to intervene. Police were called as the citizens tried to detain the male inside of the restaurant.

On the afternoon of October 26, 2011, Mr. Smythe responded to the Main Police Station located at 270 S. Stone for an arranged meeting with a Child Sexual Assault Unit detective. He was subsequently arrested for 1 count of **Sexual Assault of a Minor Under the Age of 12, a Class 2 Felony**. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. His booking photograph is included below.

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